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applicants hereby cancel claims 85 and 86 and submit the above new claims 97 and 98. Note that the new claims are directed to an isolated protein whereas claims 85 and 86 referenced a protein "substantially free of contaminating proteins." The language in new claims 96 and 97 has been changed from that of claims 85 and 86 in response to the objection raised by the Examiner to claim 22 in the Office Action mailed June 11, 1993, where similar language appeared in that claim as filed. New claims 97 and 98 also correct inadvertent misalignment of the reference numbers appearing above the sequences presented in claims 85 and 86 as filed.

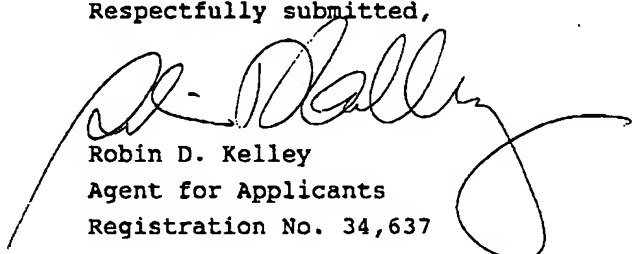
New claims 97 and 98 do not add new matter to the application. Support for the two new claims can be found, for example, on pages 58 and 59 of the originally-filed specification, and in originally-filed claims 34, 35, 85 and 86.

The remarks and arguments made in the hand-delivered Amendment of June 15, 1993 and responsive to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office June 11, 1993 are applicable here and are thus reiterated.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims as amended herein.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned agent at (617) 248-7477 to discuss any questions regarding this communication.

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